

## LOOKS GOOD FOR R. R. COMMISSION.

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the best judges of what the people need in the enactment of laws. Are we to be automatons of the officers of the State Government?"

Mr. MacWilliams contended that all the law business of Florida should be directed by the Law Department of the State, and that the people could not discharge special counsel for the Railroad Commissioners as long as he stood in with the Commissioners. To get a good man as special counsel a good price, not less than \$5,000, would have to be paid annually.

"If one assistant to the Attorney General would not be enough, I am in favor of giving him two and even willing to create a half dozen more. The law business of the State of Florida should be conducted through the Law Department of the State of Florida. They say the Attorney General has not time enough; that he will not give the Railroad Commissioners an opinion. Let me read one of their letters and I am sure you will agree with me that it is an indictment on their incompetency.

"I have a number of these letters and have gone through them and legal advice asked for is predicated on their own rule laid down by the Commissioners. They make a rule to begin with and then cannot tell whether it has been violated.

"I am willing to see one Assistant Attorney General assigned absolutely to the work of the Railroad Commissioners."

Mr. MacWilliams then called a list of dates on which money, amounts quoted, was paid for counsel fees and incident al expense to pass on opinions desired by the Commissioners.

"Why, it runs up to \$10,600 in three years," said the Representative, "and that does not include the retainer fee of \$1,000. If it is asserted that the Attorney General is not in sympathy with the Railroad Commissioners it is not so, because every act of his shows that when special counsel was needed he went to them and was satisfied with their selection."

"My point," said Mr. Mathews, "is that the Attorney General has not the time to attend to the affairs of the Railroad Commissioners and not that he is not in sympathy with the Commissioners."

Mr. Reese of Escambia also spoke on the subject. The amendment offered by Mr. Mathews was carried, and the bill sent to the Engrossing Committee. Mr. MacWilliams offering another amendment, which was also carried—that the numbers of the sections of the bill be changed to correspond by allowance for Section 1 being stricken out.

House Resolution No. 55, introduced by Representative George G. Mathews of Marion, was adopted. This resolution makes provision for the printing and distribution of 500 copies of the Governor's Message relative to State Life Insurance.

"As this subject will soon come up," said Mr. Mathews,

"I would like everyone to be provided with the views of the Governor. I regard this as a very important matter and I feel a great interest in it. It is a broad subject which has emanated from the mind of a great man."

Representative Claude P. Olmstead of St. Lucie, under a suspension of the rules, had the House take up the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, which provides for a committee of three members of the House and two members of the Senate, to be appointed to visit the canal now under construction by the Florida Canal Company, from Bayne Bay to St. Johns River, said committee to report on the progress and importance of the work.

At the request of Mr. MacWilliams of St. Johns, the resolution was passed informally. Mr. MacWilliams stated that he wished action deferred until he could more fully look into the matter, feeling sure that he would be for the resolution, as although the canal company was a private corporation, it was of public benefit.

Representative Olmstead said he had introduced the resolution by request of his constituents and that at the request of Mr. MacWilliams he was willing that action be deferred and pass it over until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Mr. MacWilliams introduced a concurrent resolution that the House adjourn sine die 12 M., May 31, 1907, which was adopted.

The introduction of House Resolution No. 55 by Mr. MacWilliams precipitated some discussion. The resolution, which was adopted, is to the effect that the Speaker be authorized to appoint an assistant reading clerk whenever, in his judgment, he deems it necessary for the proper discharge of the business of the House.

The Election Bill of Mr. Watson—House Bill No. 20—which was under consideration at adjournment the day previous, was taken up, which, with amendments, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 20 is to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida for nominating candidates. The amendments were by Mr. Reese, to add to the end of Section 23; by Mr. Knight of Columbia, an addition to Section 3; by same, an addition to Section 24 and 32; by same, that Section 32 be made to read Section 33; by Mr. Long of Clay, a change to Section 14.

Mr. Reese offered an amendment, that all of Section 3 be stricken out. Mr. Clarke moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was done on a vote of 42 yeas and 20 nays.

Mr. MacWilliams of St. Johns introduced House Concurrent Resolution No. 20, which was read the first time and went over under the rules, the resolution being that this Legislature adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock M., May 31, 1907.

Mr. Paul of Holmes introduced House Joint Resolution No. 246, relative to census and apportionment, which was referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Mr. Carter of Alachua introduced House Bill No. 247,

to regulate the taking of testimony of divorce cases.

Mr. Pettigrew of Manatee introduced House Bill No. 255, to provide that a legal verdict may be rendered by less than the whole number of jurors.

Mr. Cobb of Baker introduced House Bill No. 249, to provide for the erection of a monument to Confederate soldiers at Olustee, Fla.

Other bills introduced were:

By Mr. Farris, Bill No. 250, to empower persons having claims against the State, growing out of the Indian wars, to collect.

By Mr. Dorman, Bill No. 258, to regulate the money lending business on household goods.

Adjournment was taken until 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

## AMENDMENTS TO CHILD LABOR BILL.

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wayside, and the bill was finally referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senator Leggett moved that the Senate adjourn until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, which was lost. Senator Harris moved adjournment until 10 o'clock Monday, another asked that 3 o'clock be the hour, while Senator Buckman moved 3:30 Monday for the two, and this was adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 11 nays.

Bills passed at the session of 1905 and vetoed by the Governor received action, the veto of the Governor being sustained. These were in relation to three bills concerning an electric company of Manatee county and the Pan-American Railway Co., extension of charter.

The executive objection to the latter bill was based on the land grant feature of the charter, which led Senator Beard to explain his vote to sustain the veto.

He said he voted no, not because of the objections offered by the Governor, because he "did not indorse one single, solitary thing in the grounds he gives," but for the reason that the railway company had never done any work to show good faith.

Senator Humphries, too, had explanation of his vote, and that was his objection to giving land to a railway company that does nothing.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, relative to examination of the General Statutes, was indefinitely postponed, while House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, relative to the Sheriffs in the several counties in the State of Florida performing their duties as said Sheriffs in counties where liquors, wines or beers, or any intoxicating beverages are being sold, was adopted.

Among the bills introduced yesterday was that by Senator Crane, for appropriation of \$15,000 annually for two years for the Florida State Fair to be held in Tampa.

A message from the Governor, containing the State Auditor's report of accounts of State House Officials, was received and spread on the Journal.

Some people are under the impression that the English robin and his mate differ in plumage and expect to see if not a wren at least a small brown bird of retiring disposition and unattractive color, but the hen robin is quite as fearless as her mate and quite as brightly clad.

## Gems of the Apostles.

One would think the twelve apostles were rich gentlemen, judging by the freedom with which the ancients assigned them emblems in the way of precious stones. Thus Peter, the Rock, was represented by the hard jasper. Andrew was given the blue sapphire as the emblem of heavenly faith. Bartholomew, the martyr, was assigned the blood red carnelian; James, the affectionate, the white chalcedony, and the gentle, loving John the emerald. With the same view to fitness James the younger was assigned the topaz and the enthusiastic and energetic Matthew the amethyst, while the chrysolite was the emblem of Matthias; the beryl, Thomas; the chrysoprass, Thaddeus, and the pink hyacinth, Simon of Cana. To the present day the emblem of Matthew is the sacred stone ornamenting cross and pastoral ring of the Roman Catholics.

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